## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 11781]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Medical Examination for Visa or Refugee Applicant: DS-2054, DS-3025, DS-3026, DS-3030

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments up to [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES**: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Tonya Whigham, who may be reached at PRA\_BurdenComments@state.gov or at 202-485-7586.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- Title of Information Collection: Medical Examination for Visa or Refugee Applicant
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0113

- <u>Type of Request</u>: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection
- Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visa Office (CA/VO)
- Form Number: Forms DS-2054, DS-3030, DS-3025, DS-3026
- <u>Respondents</u>: Visa Applicants; Follow-to-Join Refugee/Asylum Applicants; Parole Applicants with Boarding Foils
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 110,412
- Estimated Number of Responses: 110,412
- Average Time Per Response: 1 hour
- Total Estimated Burden Time: 110,412 annual hours
- Frequency: Once per respondent
- Obligation to respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

## **Abstract of Proposed Collection**

Forms for this collection are completed by panel physicians for refugees, noncitizens seeking a visa, and some individuals who need a boarding foil in order to be paroled into the United States. The collection records medical information necessary to determine

whether noncitizens have medical conditions affecting the individual's eligibility for an

immigration benefit or affecting the public health and requiring treatment.

Methodology

A panel physician, contracted by the consular post in accordance with instructions issued

by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), performs the medical examination of the

applicant and completes the forms. Panel physicians complete Forms DS-3025, DS-

3026, and DS-3030. Upon completing the medical examination, the examining panel

physician submits a report to the consular section on Form DS-2054 and includes the DS-

3024, DS-3026, and the DS-3030. The information provided in these forms assists the

Department for visa adjudication, follow-to-join refugee adjudication, and for the purpose

of issuing boarding foils for certain individuals seeking parole from the Department of

Homeland Security. and is thereafter retained in the Department's systems. The

information is also provided to the CDC.

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